

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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Subject: Mikoyan's Mission

QUESTION:

When do we expect Mikoyan to return from Cuba? How do you explain his remaining in Cuba so long?

CURRENT SITUATION:

We have not yet received the necessary request for flight clearance for Mikoyan's plane which indicates that he has no immediate plans for returning to the U.S.

SUGGESTED REPLY:

I do not know when Mr. Mikoyan will leave Cuba. I do not care to speculate on why Mr. Mikoyan has not yet left Cuba.